

taught them and, therefore, only know so much as what they're taught.

So I'd like to read this proclamation from George Washington, October 3, 1789. This was during his first year as President of the new United States. He said—and these are Washington's words, his proclamation, "Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." "And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all to render our national government a blessing to all the people, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue."

In fact, he mentioned in 1790, in his letter to the Hebrew congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, that, "may the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants; while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid. May the Father of all mercies scatter light, not darkness, upon our paths and make us all in our civil vocations useful here and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy."

This is a book that was put together by William Federer, "Prayers and Presidents: Inspiring Faith From Leaders of the Past." So these are direct quotes. I will just finish with a couple things from Lincoln.

This is from August 12, 1861, the first year that Abraham Lincoln was President. This is his own words: "Whereas, when our own beloved country, once, by the blessings of God, united, prosperous and happy, is now afflicted with faction and civil war, it is peculiarly fit for us to recognize the hand of God in this terrible visitation, and in sorrowful remembrance of our own faults and crimes as a nation and as individuals, to humble ourselves before Him and to pray for His mercy, to pray that we may be spared further punishment, though most justly deserved; that the inestimable boon of civil and religious liberty may be restored."

And this in closing, Abraham Lincoln's own words, his first inaugural, March 4, 1861: "Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on Him who has never yet forsaken this favored land, are still competent to adjust in the best way all our present difficulties."

It was true then, it's true now.

I yield back.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, June 23.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, June 23.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today and June 17.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, June 21, 22, and 23.

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3951. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Roy Rondenno, Sr., Post Office Building."

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7912. A letter from the Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, as required by section 1341(a) of Title 31, United States Code in the Commission's Salaries and Expenses account and Trust Fund Account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

7913. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0003] received June 3, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7914. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final

Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0003] received June 3, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7915. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0003; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1096] received June 3, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7916. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0003; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8129] received June 3, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7917. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the thirtieth annual report on the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 by departments and agencies which administer programs of Federal financial assistance, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6106a(b); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

7918. A letter from the Office Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Medicaid Program; Final FY 2008, Revised Preliminary FY 2009, and Preliminary FY 2010 Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments and Final FY 2008, Revised Preliminary FY 2009, and Preliminary FY 2010 Disproportionate Share Hospital Institutions for Mental Disease Limits [CMS-2300-N] (RIN: 0938-AP66) received June 10, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7919. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities [Docket No.: RM05-5-017; Order No. 676-F] received June 3, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

7920. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 10-051, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7921. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 10-050, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, and defense services, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

7922. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a supplemental consolidated report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to keep Congress informed about deployments of U.S. Armed Forces equipped for combat, pursuant to Public Law 93-148; (H. Doc. No. 111-122); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

7923. A letter from the Administrator, Agency for International Development, transmitting the Agency's semiannual report from the office of the Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

7924. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Agriculture,